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1. Abedin Shehu, former Minister of Industry, was convicted as a Titoist after his unsuccessful attempt to embezzle money in connection with the Patos oil wells. Several other persons were arrested for taking part in the embezzlement.

2. Thomas Papayannis, "responsible" for shoe pr[redacted] Ministry of Industry, was tried for sabotage because 5,000 p[redacted]es in the Tirana shoe factory were found to be worthless.

3. In the spring of 1951, the president of the executive komitet of Shkoder issued food coupons to persons not authorized to receive them, among whom allegedly were former merchants, former officers, and Balli Kombetar members. When the authorities discovered the delinquency, they confiscated the coupons and punished several persons in the financial section of the komitet. Informant believes that the president of the executive komitet was not punished because of his popularity among the people of his district.

4. [redacted], Anestis Zegas, Tolli Venizelou, and Petros Mitates, [redacted] Maliq Sugar Factory and a member of the Albanian [redacted], were imprisoned for embezzlement. All three are from Korce.

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